

Ngas language

Ngas, or **Angas**, is an Afro-Asiatic language spoken in Plateau State, Nigeria. Dialects are Hill Angas and Plain Angas.^[1] Retired General Yakubu Gowon is a prominent Nigerian who is of Ngas extraction.

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Neighbouring languages

Bəlnəŋ, an A3 West Chadic language closely related to Angas, was discovered by Roger Blench in 2016. It is spoken by about 500 people in the single village of Langung, which is surrounded by Tal villages in the east and Miship villages in the west (Blench 2017).^[3]

Speakers of Sur, a Plateau language, are surrounded by Ngas speakers, but Sur nevertheless continues to be a well-maintained language.^[4]

The Ngas language has also undergone extensive influence from Tarok.^[5]

Writing system

Ngas alphabet^[6]

a	b	ḃ	c	d	ḏ	dy	e	ə	f	g	h	ḥ	i	j	k	l
m	n	ṇ	ny	o	p	r	s	sh	t	u	v	w	y	z	ƶ	'

Notes

1.

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Ngas

Native to

Nigeria

Region

Plateau State

Native speakers

400,000 (1998)^[1]

Language family

Afro-Asiatic

▪ Chadic

▪ West Chadic

▪ Bole–Angas

▪ Angas (A.3)

▪ Ngas


Language codes

ISO 639-3

anc

Glottolog

ngas1240 (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ngas1240>)^[2]



Ethnic territories (tan) of the Ngas-speaking people (Angas) in Nigeria

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